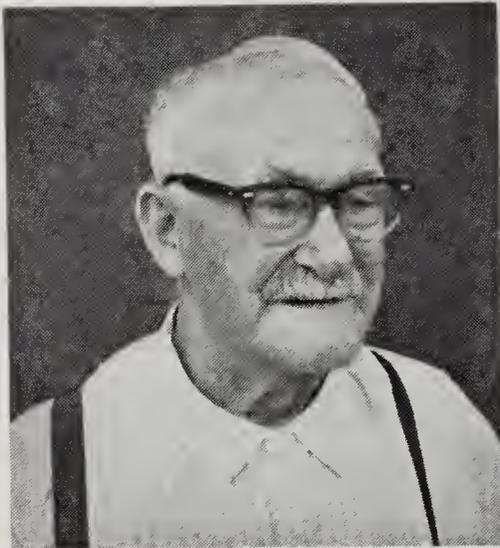


OBITUARY & BIBLIOGRAPHY OF J. FRANK BRIMLEY, SR.

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J. Frank Brimley, Sr., one of Canada's "old time" naturalists, died 6 January 1976 in Wellington, Ont., after a brief illness. Born in 1883 in London, England, Mr. Brimley emigrated to Prince Edward County, Ontario in 1909 with his wife and daughter. Except for 1 year in Rainy River and 2 years at Hamilton, Mr. Brimley lived near or in Wellington. In 1928 he purchased a grocery store in Wellington and lived above the store until his death.



Mr. Brimley's interest in nature began in England, where he started collecting insects as a young boy. After emigrating to Ontario, he continued to collect, specializing for the most part in Coleoptera and Hemiptera-Homoptera (excluding the soft-bodied species). He amassed a pinned collection of about 40,000 beetles (about 5,000 species) and 10,000 bugs (about 1,000 species), all from Canada and the United States; much of this material is identified to species. Besides the pinned material he had 25,000 beetles and 18,000 bugs in papers, most of which consisted of named duplicates collected locally. His collection was bequeathed to the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Ottawa.

Mr. Brimley was an avid trader and a look at his collection indicates that he exchanged beetles and bugs with a great many of the entomologists of his time, professional or amateur, in North America. Most of the material he collected bears the familiar "Pr. Edw. Co., Ont." label, although he did spend a month or 2 in Florida during several winters and 1 year in the Rainy River District, Ont. He collected many "first records" for Canada, especially in the Hemiptera-Homoptera. He did not report most of this information, other than by placing the specimens in his collection. At 92, Mr. Brimley was Canada's oldest active entomologist, identifying beetles for others up until 5 months before he died.

Predeceased by his wife (1963), Mr. Brimley is survived by 2 daughters, a son, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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